Sale of obsolete bogies in Visakhapatnam

†1940. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incident of illegal sale of 12 obsolete bogies of the goods train in Visakhapatnam has come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken against the culprits; and

(d) the concrete action taken by Government to prevent occurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The incharge of the concerned depot has been placed under suspension. The Central Bureau of Investigation, Visakhapatnam has taken over the case.

(d) To prevent recurrence, all concerned have been alerted to closely monitor all aspects of disposal of wagons.

Physically handicapped railway users

1941. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have not created any user friendly facilities for physically challenged and as a result they find it difficult to travel in trains; and;

(b) if so, the action taken to make physically handicapped user friendly railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Railway have planned to provide seven short term identified facilities at stations *viz* (i) standard ramp for barrier free entry, (ii) earmarking parking lots for vehicles used by disabled persons, (iii) non-slippery walkway, (iv) signages, (v) toilets, (vi) water taps suitable for needs

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